

REMARKS

In the May 31, 2006 Office Action Summary, it was indicated that claims 1-13 are pending and in item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, it was indicated that claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 112. However, claim 5 was canceled in the Amendment filed on July 11, 2005. In addition, withdrawn claims 11-13 are canceled herein. Thus, claims 1-4 and 6-10 remain in the case.

On page 3 of the Office Action, it was stated that "[a]mending each of the steps would render the claims allowable." The independent claims have been amended to recite that the operations of identifying, determining, checking, buying and "repetitively placing an additional buying order" are performed "electronically and without manual intervention" as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1-4 and 6-10 are in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Finally, if there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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